(c) if so, the steps being taken to protect the interests of the tribals?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) No, Madam.

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply given in parts (a) and (b).

Development of primitive tribal groups scheme

698. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and the objectives and genesis of the Development of Primitive Tribal Groups Scheme;

(b) whether the above Scheme has been implemented in Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details of tribal groups covered in Rajasthan, district-wise;

(d) whether the pathetic condition of these primitive tribes, particularly SAHARIA, has come to the notice of Government;

(e) if so, the steps Government have taken for the welfare and upliftment of these primitive tribals in the last three years;

(f) the achievements made so far, in ameliorating their lot; and

(g) the proposals from Rajasthan Government pending with the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Within the Scheduled Tribes, there are certain tribal communities, which have low levels of literacy, a declining or stagnant population, a pre-agricultural level of technology and are economically backward. These groups are particularly vulnerable and therefore in need of special programmes for their protection and development. Seventy five such groups have been identified throughout the country and categorized as Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs). In order to protect these vulnerable groups Government of India has launched a 100% Central Sector Scheme of "Development of Primitive Tribal Groups".

(b) to (d) There is only one PTG in Rajasthan named Saharia and they have been covered under the scheme.

(e) and (f) Under the scheme, the Ministry has been funding the State Governments as well as the NGOs for a variety of activities which may include agricultural development, cattle development, income generation programmes, health care facilities, infrastructure development, insurance of life, etc. Financial assistance provided to the State Government and NGOs in Rajasthan as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the State/NGO	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	Activities
Govt. of Rajasthan	10.00	62.50	62.00	Insurance coverage of 7500
Social Work and Research Centre (SWARC), Ajmer	0	13.50	0	heads of PTG families, construction of 200 houses through State sponsored programmes, and training for 100 Youths in 6 trades by SWARC, in NGO.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has also provided an amount of Rs. 327.48 lakhs to the State Government of Rajasthan under Article 275(1) of the Constitution during the last three years for pilot project for integrated health and sanitation programme, Maa badi Yojana, Solar electrification, installation of tube wells in Rajpur and Chorakhari Hostels for Saharia PTG.

(g) No proposal from Government of Rajasthan under the scheme of Development of PTG is pending with the Ministry.

Development of Scheduled Tribes in Rajasthan

699. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Scheduled Tribes in Rajasthan, tribe-wise, alongwith their dwelling areas;

(b) the details of primitive tribes;